(a) whether Government proposes to give any package to the State Government of Goa to give a boost to the tourism industry there;

(b) whether Government proposes to approve any special project proposed by the State Government in this regard;

(c) whether the proposed tourism policy of Government has been finalized; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritised in consultation with the State Governments every year for Product/ Infrastructure development of tourist destinations/circuits. The project proposals which are complete in all respect, are appraised on the basis of inter-se-priority and funds released, subject to availability during the financial year.

During the year 2007-08, five project proposals for grant of Central Financial Assistance were received from the Government of Goa. These proposals were not completed as per guidelines and hence these could not be sanctioned. However, during the Tenth Plan period, projects worth Rs. 157.26 lakh were sanctioned for integrated development of tourism in the State of Goa.

(c) and (d) The National Tourism Policy has been formulated in the year 2002 to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth, to harness the direct and multiplier effects of tourism on employment generation, economic development and poverty eradication in an environmentally sustainable manner and to create and develop tourism infrastructure in partnership with States, private sector and other agencies.

Percentage of irrigated land

*325. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of irrigated land over the total area of agricultural land, State-wise;

(b) the area of land coming under irrigation during the financial year 2007-08, State-wise; and

(c) the target of irrigation fixed for the year 2007-08 and the percentage of the same achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) The State-wise percentage of irrigated land over the total area of Agricultural land based on 'Land Use Statistics' of Ministry of Agriculture for the year 2005-06 is given at the Statement (*See* below). Information in respect of area of land coming under irrigation during 2007-08 is not available.

(c) Year-wise target for area under irrigation are not projected by Ministry of Agriculture. However, target of 2.85 million hectares has been fixed for creation of irrigation potential during 2007-08. State Governments are required to furnish information about creation of irrigation potential during the year 2007-08 by June, 2008.

Statement

The State-wise percentage of net irrigated area over the total area of agricultural land for the year 2005-06

(per cent)

State	Percentage of irrigated land
Andhra Pradesh	27.8
Arunachal Pradesh	12.3
Assam	4.3
Bihar	45.7
Chhattisgarh	22.3
Goa	12.0
Gujarat	27.3
Haryana	77.6
Himachal Pradesh	13.1
Jammu & Kashmir	29.6
Jharkhand	3.9
Karnataka	23.0
Kerala	17.3
Madhya Pradesh	32.8
Maharashtra	15.6
Manipur	22.3
Meghalaya	5.2
Mizoram	7.5
Nagaland	10.5
Orissa	24.7
Punjab	94.6
Rajasthan	24.6
Sikkim	3.9
Tamil Nadu	35.8
Tripura	19.7
Uttarakhand	22.8
Uttar Pradesh	68.4
West Bengal	54.5
Delhi	41.8
ALL INDIA	33.0